THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. The following Non-Indian students are admitted in Nava Nalanda Mahavihar, Nalanda during the last four academic years:

Sl.No.	Academic Year	No. of students.
1.	1996-97	46
2.	1997-98	46
3.	1998-99	64
4.	1999-2000	78

Financial aid to NGOs for cultural programmes

1067. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount disbursed to NGO's to assist them financially for cultural programmes during the year 1999-2000;

(b) whether any request was received from Musafir Memorial Trust to celebrate Giani Gurmukh Singh Musafir's tricentenary;

(c) if so, the details of amount sanctioned; and

(d) whether it has been disbursed?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Rs. 10,53,97,712/- (Rupees ten crore fifty three lakhs ninty seven thousand seven hundred twelve only).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh only)

(d) Yes, Sir.

NRI investment in tourism sector

1068. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has been working out on a plan to attract more investment by NRIs for development of tourism in the country during the current and next year;

(b) if so, the results therefore; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has identified Tourism as a "High Priority" industry for foreign and private investment. Consquently, a Foreign Investment Promotion Board and a Project Approval Board had been set up by the Government in order to clear proposals for foreign investment expeditiously. Further, foreign investment and NRI investment upto 100% alongwith foreign collaboration in respect of Technical Consultancy Services, Franchise, Management Fee are under the automatic approval scheme where such proposals are cleared by RBI itself. The Foreign Direct Investment approvals and inflows in Hotel and Tourism sector from 1.1.1997 to 31.12.1999 are as under:

	(Amount in Rs. crore)		
	1997	1998	1999
Approvals	728.11	480.52	784.49
Inflows	103.19	39.95	40.54

Reservation policy in Nav Nalanda Mahavihar, Nalanda

†1069. CHAUDHARY CHUNNI LAL: Will the Minister of TOURSIM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a provision of reservation in teaching non-teaching posts for the candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in Nav Nalanda Mahavihar situated in Nalanda, Bihar;

(b) if so, the details of the candidates of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes appointed so far in the institute with special reference to the selected candidates of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in the appointments made recently; and

(c) if not, the reasons for non-compliance of reservation policy there?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.